Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Mental retardation is a condition which today affects more than six million American children and adults and their families; and,

WHEREAS, The most effective means for alleviation of the serious problems associated with mental retardation are public knowledge and understanding; and,

WHEREAS, Citizens with mental retardation must be afforded opportunities to maximize their ability to function as independently and productively as possible; and,

WHEREAS, The Association for Retarded Citizens in South Dakota is forging vital educational, employment and training initiatives, along with the government and private sector, which will greatly benefit citizens with mental retardation and their families:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 1988, as

MENTAL RETARDATION MONTH

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to be aware and give full support to the Association for Retarded Citizens in South Dakota for it's efforts toward enabling people with mental retardation to live and achieve their potential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE